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Celebrity twin

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Swappin' fresh

Dinner exchanges can help save time and money, but can be tricky

Columbia News Service

NEW YORK Julia and Wendy Alexander recently swapped five servings of bluefish with Moroccan couscous for five servings of spinach lasagna on a recent Saturday. They also traded pasta with chicken and artichoke hearts for a rich chili made with ground beef, bacon and chocolate.

The domestic partners have scored other tasty lunches and dinners through the Brooklyn Dinner Collective, a dinner co-op the two started in October of last year.

The system isn't perfect. There are 45 members on meetup.com, but only one or two generally show up for the weekly supper swaps, which usually take place at 5 p.m. each Saturday.

"Getting started is the hardest part," said Wendy Alexander, a drama teacher at an elementary school in Harlem. "But it's such a good idea. So much of it is about saving time, energy and money."

Dinner co-ops, sometimes called supper swaps, are serving up friendships and fellowship across the country. Some members cook together; others cook in their own kitchens. Some meet weekly, others monthly. Some are vegetarian, others are vegan.

They all give busy families an easy and economical answer to the age-old question: What's for dinner?

Here's how a dinner co-op works. On your day to cook, you prepare a meal for you and your friends. Keep one meal for yourself and exchange the rest with the members of your co-op. For the rest of the week, depending on how many people participate in your co-op, you can sit back and relax, as your meals already are prepared for you.

The system is so popular, it's conjured up a covey of experts.

Diana Ellis, Alex Davis and Andy Remeis, of Boise, Idaho, authors of "Dinner at Your Door," have headed their own cooking circles for years. In Dalton, Ohio, Trish Berg, author of "The Great American Supper Swap," has been exchanging her chicken pot pie with fried apples for beef and cheese burritos for the past five years. And Ginny Bowie of Hanover, Va., who has been cooking co-op-style for the past 20 years, has produced a DVD to teach others how they can get their own dinner co-op started.

"You've got the coach. You've got the quarterback. You've got this team of individual personalities. And when all the meals have been handed over successfully, that's your touchdown," said Bowie, who swaps meals weekly.

But Patrice Travis of Mansfield, Mass., who started a monthly supper swap because she and her husband were eating out too much, said that not every meal scores. One month a member made garden vegetable tofu.

"My dog wasn't begging for that one," Travis said.

The Brooklyn Dinner Collective welcomes vegetarian and vegan meals. Still, there can be misunderstandings.

During a recent gathering, two new members confessed they thought the collective was more like a potluck dinner. One brought a spinach salad and the other brought a pan of spinach lasagna.



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Instant classic?

We harnessed the collective power of RedEye's social media friends to review Starbucks' new VIA instant coffee.

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@mchrslr I was pretty impressed. I tried the dark roast, and as far as instant coffee goes, this is the best I've had.

@AMattys Thought it was a decent flavor, but too weak. I need a strong kick in the morning :-(

@flobear100 I like the VIA coffee, it almost doesn't taste like instant. I have a feeling the marketing is going to kill it though.

@Cenalda17 Via—a little depressed that there is no groovy jar for my quarters/buttons/lightning bugs a la Taster's Choice :-(

@SheriffScabs Just tried new Starbucks. Now that's some tasty dishwasher.

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All aboard—it's the Love Train

No one likes the train or bus ride to work in the morning, yet for some reason this commute is filled with more sexual tension than a first date after getting out of prison.

At first I thought it was just me. I board the "L" every morning with every intention of reading and listening to trendy hip-hop on my iPod.

I end up allotting most of my brain space concentrating on not staring at attractive women.

I'm not sure why, but in the mornings, my level of sexual attraction is heightened to an almost absurd degree.

After making the same commute long enough, I've ended up giving these surely wonderful young women semi-chauvinistic nicknames in my head.

For instance, on my particular ride to work I usually see "Luscious Black Hair" or "Nordic Goddess" or "Looks Vaguely Like Michelle Obama, Only Hotter." (Then on the ride home, I usually end up stealing glances at "Reads Too Much Harry Potter" or "Would Reject Me Even If I Had Money.")

I know: This is kind of sick. But what I didn't expect was that when I brought this up with my friend, Megan, her response was, "Are you kidding? All I do in the morning is stare at guys. It's kind of sick."

We discussed this phenomenon further, and Megan confirmed for me that women also have major attraction issues once they step on the train bound for work.

But we can't figure out why.

It makes no sense: Most people haven't had coffee and some even still have that sleep gunk in their eyes.

Also, because I'm always running late and never have time to look in the mirror before I leave the house, I usually have toothpaste on my face.

In other words: No way am I prepared for social interaction with the opposite sex. In fact, I bet if I even attempted to talk to a woman on the morning train ride, I wouldn't form full sentences but strings of disconnected adjectives and nouns.

Me: "Drippy pocks slight time-share condo!"

Nordic Goddess: "You still have sleep gunk in your eye."

Then when you get on the really packed trains or buses—the ones where you're basically holding hands with two different strangers at once and trying not to breathe on them too much—let's just say in terms of sexual frustration, this is like 7th grade all over again.

The point is that I need corroboration that Megan and I are not insane and that, indeed, there is something bizarrely amorous about the morning commute.

Scientists, get on this. Morning commuters, please let me know if this experience sounds familiar, or if you, too, seem to always walk out the door with toothpaste on your face. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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RedEye Twitter follower and actor Greg Grunberg, from NBC's "Heroes," taps out a Twitter message, or tweet, on his iPhone during a break in filming last month.

L.A. TIMES

Tweeting with the stars

Don't call them. Celebs will call—er—they'll tweet you

From news services

Some of the actors on NBC's "Heroes" are leading a super-powered Hollywood push that's helping Twitter break into prime time.

And helping Twitter followers break in behind the scenes of the entertainment machine.

Greg Grunberg, who plays an L.A. cop with the ability to hear people's thoughts, pulls out his iPhone nearly everywhere, including between takes on the studio lot, to tap out tweets. He broadcasts them to the more than 20,000 friends and fans following him on the micro-blogging service.

A tweet Grunberg sent Sunday morning about Season 3 winding down—"Tough to say goodbye to crew not knowing if any or all of us will return next year"—sent a cold chill through the show's fandom. Within three minutes, their worried messages prompted him to clarify that the show "IS coming back" for a fourth season, "but some crew take other jobs, so it's tough."

For the most part, glam, not geek, still rules show business. Twitter is starting to change that.

Brea Grant, who plays Grunberg's romantic interest, Daphne Millbrook, on "Heroes" is there. So are James Kyson Lee, who plays Ando; David H. Lawrence, who played villain Eric Doyle; and even the show's makeup artist and prop master.

The ranks of Twitter-using show-business people are swelling: Ashton Kutcher

Celebretweets

Celebrity tweets open a portal into stars' brains. Here's some real examples:

@MICHAEL IAN BLACK:

"When I get divorced, I'm going to remarry Dr. Pepper. It's just that good."



Michael Ian Black

and Demi Moore, Lance Armstrong, "The Office" star Rainn Wilson, "The Closer" creator James Duff and new "Late Night" host Jimmy Fallon, among many others.

Some, like Britney Spears, usually post messages written by their supporting staff, simply announcing various events. Others, like Fallon, are clearly promoting a new venture.

But the real stars of Twitter are those

Talking the biz with Biz

Twitter co-founder Biz Stone, 34, helped develop the Twitter prototype in two weeks in 2006 as a side project with friends Jack Dorsey and Evan Williams. Stone spoke with RedEye. Here are excerpts.



Stone

What is your life like outside of Twitter?

I have a wife and house in Berkeley (Calif.), plus two dogs, two cats and a rescued tortoise living in the upstairs shower. (His wife, Livia, is a wildlife rehabilitator.) It's kind of like Dr. Doolittle. [Twitter] is my full-time gig, but I also advise small start-ups. I started out as an artist, so when I do have free time, I do a lot of painting and writing.

When did you realize Twitter could be something really big?

During an earthquake. I was sitting in the subway, and [the train] hadn't left yet. I heard some people murmuring about an earthquake. I started getting panicky, thinking I should get off the train. But [through a Twitter message] a friend was saying it was a 4.5 and no big deal. I realized very quickly that it wasn't a big deal, and that actually kept me in my seat and got me home in time for dinner. We knew that there was definitely something there.

What has been your proudest Twitter moment?

There was a gas shortage last summer in Atlanta, and watching people use Twitter to find where the gas was. Twitter isn't about the triumph of technology, it's about the triumph of humanity.

What are some of the craziest uses for Twitter you've heard of?

Someone created a way for a plant to tweet when it needs water. Someone else created a pregnant mom belt, and every time the baby kicked, it would send out a tweet.

@MC HAMMER

"I'm building a network of people who believe in the power and influence of positivity. Good over evil. Family. Humanity. Life over death."



@RAINN WILSON

"LA has the most beautiful sunsets. But then again, so does hell."



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"twittering liv on stage: rosie o giving jim hosting tips."



who fully embrace the site's unique brand of conversational, detail-oriented banter.

John Hodgman, a "Daily Show" correspondent and popular microblogger, said in an interview via Twitter: "What I really love is a) the harsh discipline of 140 char. b) the playfulness. It's a parlor game w/1 rule, inf. variations."

Twitter is one of the fastest-growing online services. For those not yet familiar with the Twitterverse, twitter.com allows users to send blurbs of as many as 140 characters to everyone in their social network via text messages or the Web.

Thirtysomething Internet entrepreneurs Evan Williams, Biz Stone and Jack Dorsey run Twitter. Their 30 or so employees work out of a San Francisco loft. The service's regular outages became a running joke among its users.

Still, Twitter's star is definitely on the rise. The company's founders turned down a \$500 million buyout offer from Facebook in November and closed a \$35 million round of venture capital funding last month. The service attracted 2.6 million U.S. Web users in January, up

SILENCE!

Twitter's popularity, particularly among celebrities and media, has predictably led to some backlash. A recent New York Times piece took aim at TV news personalities' compulsion to tweet and lamented that Twitter is "beginning to look more like yet another gateway drug to full-blown media narcissism."

from only 178,000 a year earlier, according to research firm ComScore. And that doesn't include the many more people accessing the service through mobile devices or the Twitter application that runs on Facebook and other Web sites.

Laura Roeder, an L.A. consultant who persuaded Grant to try Twitter, says too many actors allow fan sites or celebrity media to define them. She recommends that they use Twitter and other online tools to take ownership of their online identities and talk directly to their fans.

MC Hammer has more than 157,000 followers receiving his Twitter feed.

"It creates a new form of communication where we can actually see each other

as people, humanizing the celebrity," said Hammer. "To me, it's a great human interaction that happens."

Stephen Fry, the British comedian and most popular Twitter celeb with 258,000 followers, supplies a constant flow of wry observations. Recently, Fry even appeared to send messages while riding a donkey on a trip to Mexico: "You have to hand it to these beasts. Their sure-footedness is a miracle. Millions of years to perfect 4-hoofed precision."

Kutcher and Moore (who posts under the name "mrskutcher") are the most famous Twitter couple, and their tweets often reflect against each other. One from Kutcher: "this just in demi doesn't pee or poop or fart ... ever."

Duff, of "The Closer," likes being able to give his friends "a window into what I am doing, a little haiku about the day."

Duff also signs up to follow strangers because he's curious about their lives and experiences. "I feel like I am a little bit more connected to the collective unconscious than I was before," he said.

L.A. TIMES, AP CONTRIBUTED.

Do you use any other social networking sites?

I use LinkedIn, because we're hiring here, and it's a really great place to hire people. I'm on Facebook, where friends from high school come out of the woodwork. I'm not as active there as on Twitter, but that's my own bias. I don't use MySpace. I don't know [why]. I think with a lot of these social services, it depends if your friends are on them.

Have you been surprised by any celebrity Twitter users?

One person I was really surprised by was Shaquille O'Neal. When I started following him, I didn't know that he's this big-hearted guy who goes to soup kitchens and volunteers



O'Neal

What do you think is the future of social media?

I think where we're headed, hopefully, is more efficient communication with people, and hopefully a more democratic Web. For Twitter, one of the things that really inspires us is that we have a real-time technology. People in rural places that aren't going to have an Internet connection any time soon could access Twitter through SMS. A rural farmer in India could send out a tweet about how much he's selling his grain for.

ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ, REDEYE

How to stalk a celebrity

Stalker. That's you. Maybe you don't realize it, but we're all relentless stalkers, waiting to pounce on any celebrity that might even consider following us on Twitter.

I'm guilty of it. I tried unsuccessfully (so far) to get @jimmyfallon to follow me by offering to send him a RedEye cover to hold up during the premiere of his new show. You know, in case he got bored talking to Robert De Niro.

Which he did. But why stalk a celebrity on Twitter? It's not because they're so interesting that we just have to be a part of their circle. It's to say that we can. Just like in high school ... you didn't want to be friends with the cool kids, you just wanted their approval.

Sometimes, it's totally legit. Too legit, even. RedEye is friends with @mchammer and "Heroes" star @greggrunberg. These guys really enjoy Twitter and enjoy interacting with fans.

But what if you don't have a rare RedEye cover with which to bargain? (I would have signed it.) How do you become "friends" with @jimmykimmel or @britneyspears?

I'll tell you what won't work—not that I wrote this:

Hey @jimmykimmel: I'm [bleepin'] Matt Damon too!

@jimmykimmel has 10,751 followers. He follows just four people: Shaq, Dane Cook, Richard Branson and President Obama. (Dane Cook? Really?)

Friending @britneyspears might be easier. OK, maybe not.

You could try something like: @britneyspears your new song is AMAZING.

Of course, you haven't heard it. You just know she has 273,930 followers and follows 1,177, and you'd give your left arm to be 1,178.

But just like us, celebrities can be boring too—even the popular ones.

Ashton Kutcher seems to have a love for crepes. Diablo Cody talks about "90210." A lot.

And then there's @moonfrye, a.k.a. Soleil Moon Frye, a.k.a. Punky Brewster. I wouldn't mind trying to follow her just to be able to write, "Hey, @moonfrye: can I call you Punky? Pleecease?"

Truth is, though, she puts me to sleep. One of her most recent tweets is a snoozer no matter who's saying it: "Some more top ideas from you on staying healthy, Washing hands, loads of oranges, and a neti pot."

Neti pot? And I thought Dane Cook would end up being the most boring part of this column.



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The CTA's new voice



Chicago Tribune

You may have noticed a new voice speaking from the public-address system on some CTA rail platforms recently, assuring you in a soothing and confident tone that an inbound train

Hopkins

to the Loop will be arriving shortly.

Meet Carolyn Hopkins, a 60-year-old commercial voice-over professional living in Maine. She has been recording announcements for use by transit agencies, airports, Disney parks, Olympic venues, factories and corporations for about 25 years.

You might know her as that kindly reminder, broadcast at more than 80 of the top 100 U.S. airports: "The moving walkway is now ending." Or "Smoking is permitted in designated areas only."

Her audio has been wafting through 58 of the CTA's 144 rail stations since mid-February, with more stations and a wider repertoire of announcements still to come.

The sound bites played on CTA buses and trains still are rendered by a male voice-over announcer from Milwaukee who insists on remaining anonymous for fear of being typecast as a performer incapable of handling a script more demanding than "Doors closing."

The CTA's male announcer said he is handling the shared duties well.

"I think it's fabulous," he said.

Hopkins makes recordings in her home studio near Bangor and transmits them to Innovative Electronic Designs Inc., a company in Louisville that sells paging and public-address systems. "I really consider it an honor to try to help," she said, adding that she has been heard giving tornado warnings in Indiana and tsunami alerts in Honolulu.

And she's proud to be the new voice of the CTA.

"I love Chicago," said Hopkins, who traces her affection for the city to a mid-1960s Beatles concert she attended at the old Comiskey Park, as well as shopping excursions to Marshall Fields.

"I really appreciate now being one of the voices Chicagoans hear."



CONGRESSIONAL PEEK?

Despite low voter turnout, Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley is poised for a promotion to Congress after claiming the Democratic nomination Tuesday in the race to replace Rahm Emanuel. An April 7 special general election will pit Quigley against little-known Republican and Green Party candidates. **NANCY STONE/TRIBUNE**

United in beef, we stand

Chicago Tribune

Mark DiPietro loves the Italian beef sandwiches at Mr. Beef, especially because it's close to his office.

So when the senior copywriter for a marketing firm heard that the venerable sandwich shop was in financial trouble (the building's mortgage holder filed a foreclosure suit last month), he took action.

He started a "Keep Mr. Beef Alive" group on Facebook. He created a video highlighting the restaurant's plight on YouTube, which you can watch at chicagotribune.com/mrbeef.

And Thursday, DiPietro is putting his money where your mouth is.

Beginning at 12:30 p.m., DiPietro will be in front of the store at 666 N. Orleans St., handing out vouchers good for a free Mr.

Beef sandwich. He made 50 vouchers, and the cost of the sandwiches is coming out of his pocket. The idea, he says, is to increase support for the restaurant.

It's working. The band Supra Genius announced it will perform a "Beef Aid" benefit concert at 10 p.m. Friday at Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave., sharing the door take with Mr. Beef. All of which gratifies Mr. Beef owners Joseph Zuccherro and son Chris.

"It's remarkable that we have such a strong following," Chris Zuccherro says, "and that people are willing to do stuff for us."

So far, DiPietro's efforts have raised more consciousness than cash, but Chris Zuccherro says the store doesn't need the money anyway. "We're fine," Zuccherro says. "But we love the support."

Coyote rescue aborted

An aborted water rescue of a wild coyote Tuesday left animal lovers furious with rescue crews. A fire department scuba team saw a figure moving on an ice-covered Lake Michigan, Cmdr. Ron Dorneker said. The ice broke and it fell into the frigid water. The decision to leave the coyote to its own devices came down to the divers' safety, officials said. They didn't want the crews—which aren't trained to deal with wild animals—to make an attempt that far off shore.

New tune for concerts?

Like going to concerts? A proposed city ordinance could change who—and where—you see your favorite bands. The proposed ordinance would require independent promoters to obtain \$300,000 in liability insurance and pay fees ranging from \$500 to \$2,000. Club owners say this would significantly affect their business. The revised proposal, unpublicized until now, can be read here: <http://tr.im/gZmq>

7 officers violated rules

Chicago Police Supt. Jody Weis said Tuesday that seven officers violated rules when a 14-year-old boy allegedly impersonated an officer in January, going on patrol and participating in an arrest. The officers will face discipline that could range from a verbal warning to dismissal, Weis said, but the discipline will not be determined until after a "command channel review." All of the officers remain on duty.

Charges in slaying

A Chicago woman has been charged with first-degree murder in connection with the shooting deaths of the girlfriend of ex-Chicago Bear Shaun Gayle and the couple's unborn daughter. Deerfield police have arrested Marni Kay Yang, 41, in connection with the deaths of Rhoni Reuter and her daughter, Skylar, in October 2007. Yang once was romantically involved with Gayle, according to sources, who believe the motive for the killing was jealousy.

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Coast Guard calls off search

1 The families of two NFL players and a third man lost at sea near Clearwater, Fla., watched the third day of searching, which the Coast Guard said would end at sundown Tuesday. "We're extremely confident that if there are any survivors on the surface of the water that we would have found them," said Coast Guard Capt. Timothy Close.

Levy case warrant

An arrest warrant was issued Tuesday for Ingmar Guandique, an imprisoned Salvadoran immigrant, in the killing of federal intern Chandra Levy, nearly eight years after the case captivated the nation's capital and ended the career of a congressman.

Stair accident

2 A city official was critically injured and two other people were in a hospital after falling about 30 feet when stairs collapsed inside a historic building Tuesday in Louisville.

Violence down

3 Casualties among Iraqi civilians and security forces last month hit their second-lowest level in nearly four years with 283 deaths linked to war-related violence, according to an Associated Press tally.

Bus beheading

4 A man accused of beheading and cannibalizing a fellow passenger on a Greyhound bus in Canada apologized to police when he was arrested and begged officers to kill him. The details emerged Tuesday as Vince Li pleaded not guilty at the start of his murder trial in Winnipeg.

Death threats

5 French President Nicolas Sarkozy and three top government ministers have been sent anonymous death threats in letters stuffed with bullets, a judicial official said Tuesday in Paris.

Building collapses

6 Cologne, Germany's six-story city archive building rumbled and then collapsed into a pile of rubble Tuesday. Many people inside were able to flee to safety, but authorities said they were searching for three people missing from nearby buildings.

7 **WASHINGTON** The White House says President Obama has begun consulting with his top defense advisers on how to lift a ban on gays serving openly in the military.

But the administration won't say how soon that might happen or whether a group of experts will be commissioned to study the issue in-depth, as some Democrats have suggested.

The move enables Obama to say he's making good on his campaign promise to reverse the law, but doesn't lock him into doing so anytime soon. The carefully calculated statement, released this week by

WHY NOW?

The statement was released in response to legislation reintroduced on Monday by Rep. Ellen Tauscher (D-Calif.) that would repeal the ban. Tauscher's bill attracted 148 co-sponsors last year, but House leadership never pushed for a floor vote.

White House spokesman Tommy Vietor, leaves enough wiggle room to prevent the hot-button issue from consuming Obama's foreign policy agenda, which is dominated by ending the Iraq war and salvaging

operations in Afghanistan.

"The president supports changing 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,'" Vietor said in the e-mailed statement.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) has said she supports repealing the ban and would like to see a group of experts study the issue.

In 1993, President Clinton sought to open the military to gays as one of his first acts as president. The issue quickly divided Democrats and helped GOP critics cast Clinton as a social liberal out of touch with the military.



911, what's your McEmergency?

8 **FT. PIERCE, FLA.** Authorities say a Florida woman called 911 three times after McDonald's employees told her they were out of McNuggets.

A police report says 27-year-old Ft. Pierce resident Latreasa Goodman told authorities she paid for a 10-piece last week but was later informed the restaurant had run out.

She says she was refused a refund and told all sales were final. A cashier told police she offered Goodman a larger portion of different food for the same price, but Goodman became irate.

Police say Goodman was cited on a misuse of 911 charge.

A McDonald's spokesman says Goodman should have been given a refund, and she's being sent a gift card for a free meal.



Gunmen attack cricket team

9 **LAHORE, Pakistan** Family members mourn slain police officers after at least a dozen men ambushed Sri Lanka's cricket team with rifles, grenades and rocket launchers Tuesday, converging on the squad's convoy near a stadium. Seven players, an umpire and a coach were wounded, none critically, but six policemen and a driver died. **AP**

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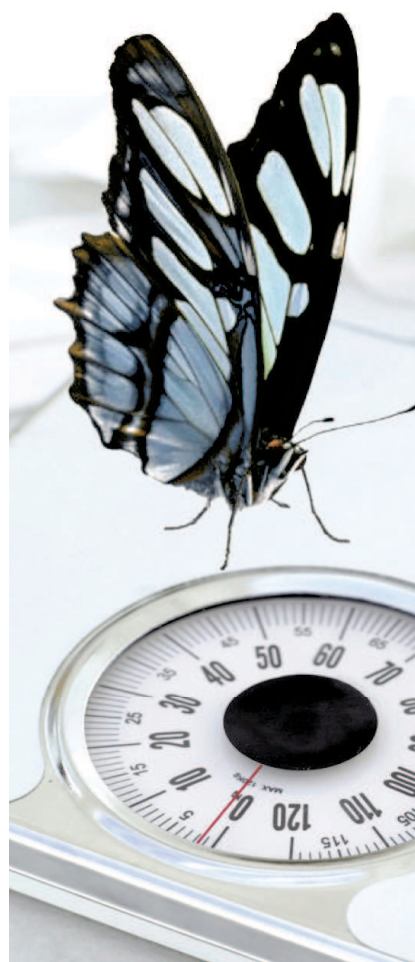
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What's at stake when the Cubs and White Sox face off in Sin City?

RedEye

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Oh, but it does. When the Cubs and White Sox meet, it means the world to their fans. It means bragging rights and chest-thumping proclamations, even if it doesn't register in the standings.

This week's games in Las Vegas will be a distant memory in September, but let's up the ante. In the spirit of Sin City, here's what the Cubs and Sox could gamble on during Wednesday's and Thursday's games.

ON TV CUBS VS. WHITE SOX

» 9:05 p.m.

Wednesday, WGN

» 3:05 p.m.

Thursday, WGN

1 If pitchers Bobby Jenks or Bartolo Colon give up a home run, they are limited to one pass by the hotel buffet. Suck it up, fellas.



AP FILE

2 The losing team each day must cram into one room at the Super 8 Koval for the night. Don't take it too hard, guys. It's not the Bellagio, but it's still a two-star hotel.

3 Each time a Cubs player makes a prediction about winning the World Series, he must be forced to watch the famous Steven, Trishelle and Brynn threesome from "The Real World: Las Vegas" at the Palms Casino-Hotel.

4 If Alfonso Soriano drops/misses/hops right past any fly ball, he must attend all of Elton John's shows at Caesars Palace. Front row.



John
REUTERS FILE



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5 For every time Ozzie Guillen curses, that's how many times he must ride Insanity-The Ride at the Stratosphere tower. Over/under, by the way, is 65 for the two-game series.





Ramirez
PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE

Chicago's their kind of town

Chicago Tribune

In any discussion regarding the greatest sluggers in Cubs history, the names likely to trip off the tongue are the old standbys.

There's Ernie Banks, Hack Wilson, Sammy Sosa, Billy Williams, Andre Dawson and Ron Santo.

Aramis Ramirez?

The 30-year-old third baseman enters the 2009 season ranked third in franchise history with a .549 slugging percentage, trailing only Wilson (.590) and Sosa (.569).

As he enters his prime, Ramirez easily could wind up as the best hitting third baseman in Cubs history, assuming he stays in Chicago and continues to hit 25 to 35 homers into his mid-30s.

Ramirez, however, doesn't care for the lofty comparisons.

"I've heard that, but I don't really believe in the phrase 'on pace,' because you never know what's going to happen," he said. Ramirez came to the Cubs in summer 2003 and now has the second-longest tenure on the team behind Carlos Zambrano. He plans on ending his career in a Cub uniform.

"I'd like to end my career here," he said. "I feel good here. I knew there was going to be a lot of money on the market, but I didn't want to go anywhere. I just want to stay here with the Cubs."



Pierzynski

The White Sox's A.J. Pierzynski understands that feeling.

Pierzynski bypassed a shot at free agency 17 months ago.

Pierzynski's two-year, \$12.5 million extension that he agreed to in September of 2007 didn't trigger until this season. Signing an extension with a year left on his previous contract gave Pierzynski security and kept him stress-free this off-season.

"I could have been a free agent," Pierzynski said. "I sat down with my agent [Steve Hilliard] and my wife [Lisa], and we went through every team and asked, 'Is there another place we would want to go and have the opportunity to play?'"

"There were other places. But in weighing the positives and negatives, this was the best place for me just because of the organization and the fans."



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Here now, my TV picks.

BASEBALL



WHITE SOX VS. CUBS

9 p.m. WGN

Oh, it's on now. Sure, it's Spring Training, but IT'S ON! Not suitable for children.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MARQUETTE AT PITTSBURGH

6:30 p.m. ESPN2

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Bear play

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1 Why haven't the Bears made any big free agent moves?	Because that would be the logical thing to do.	They're fat and content. In other words, all the pizzas are in place.	They're caught in a Bear trap: They think the draft is the answer for everything.	As usual, their pockets are empty.	Because this is a Bear market. Not in the good way.
2 How would Jay Cutler look in a Bears uniform?	"Jay Cutler Is Our Quarterback."	Just like Kyle Orton, a guy who has never won a playoff game.	If it comes with a chin, much better than he does now.	Another shaggy-coifed QB? This ain't a scene, it's an arms race.	Better than in those tacky, bright-orange Broncos jerseys.
3 What is your Championship Week ritual?	Trying to take Mike North's money.	I don't shave or change my underwear. Kind of like during the regular season.	Watch, weep, repeat.	I'm breaking out my FSU voodoo doll. Too many pricks to count.	Stocking up on the essentials: beer, chicken wings, Pepto and toilet paper.
4 Which local athlete would you like to see on Twitter?	Khabibulin, to keep us updated on the rounds of vodka.	Jens Kujawa. Anybody?	Kyle Orton's neckbeard. Can't wait for the Tweet about his barber.	Jo Noah's 140 characters all in one. My fave: Sideshow Bob.	Urlacher so we can keep current on his baby mama drama and which starlet he's dating this week.
5 Why is Golden State named the "Warriors"?	Because you have to be a warrior to survive in Oakland.	The "Patsies" was already taken.	On paper, it looks good. On the court, they look like Posers.	Sadly, GSW seems to be a fitting acronym for Oakland, Calif.	From the Delaware Indians that used to reside near the team's original home city. Thanks, Google!

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 » DePaul at West Virginia, 6 p.m. MeTV-Ch. 23

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

» Illinois-Chicago 73, Youngstown St. 68
 » Milwaukee 77, Loyola 68
 » Austin Peay 57, E. Illinois 54

**INDYCAR**
Castroneves trial starts

IndyCar driver and "Dancing with the Stars" winner Helio Castroneves never sought to evade U.S. income taxes and planned to pay the IRS when he received \$5 million from a deal made a decade ago, defense attorney Roy Black told a federal jury Tuesday. Black said the Brazilian knows nothing about U.S. tax laws and relied on experts to handle his finances.

ONE-LINERS

» Plaxico Burress could be welcomed back by the Giants—if the Super Bowl star can straighten out his legal problems, the New York general manager said Tuesday. » A deal allowing David Beckham to extend his stay with AC Milan through the end of the Italian season is close, Milan chairman Adriano Galliani said Tuesday.

BULLS HITS**CHARLOTTE 96, BULLS 80**

Raymond Felton had 18 points and nine assists, Raja Bell also scored 18 points and the Charlotte Bobcats beat the undermanned Bulls 96-80 on Tuesday night for their fourth straight victory. Tyrus Thomas had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the sloppy Bulls, who shot 39 percent.
 » Coach Vinny Del Negro said an hour before the game that Deng would play, but not start. But Deng, injured in Saturday's win over Houston, ruled himself out about 45 minutes later after experiencing pain in warmups.

**RED'S DAY**

A day after attending the funeral of his former Bulls teammate, Norm Van Lier, Bob Love (above) enters the first day of visitation for former Bulls coach and broadcaster Johnny "Red" Kerr on Tuesday at Chapel Hill Garden West in Oakbrook Terrace. Visitation continues from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 17W201 Roosevelt Rd. Services are at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home. **CHARLES CHERNEY/TRIBUNE**

Players ask: Deal or no deal?

Brian Campbell figured he would sleep just fine Tuesday night. Some of his Blackhawks teammates, however, might have had difficulty getting some shut-eye knowing they could be ex-Hawks by 2 p.m. Wednesday.

With the security of an eight-year contract, Campbell likely isn't headed anywhere before the NHL's trade deadline. That is different from last season, when the All-Star defenseman was one of 45 players to change teams in 25 separate deals around the league.

"Last year probably was nice and simple for some people, but for me it was a headache," said Campbell, who was dealt from the Buffalo

**Campbell****TUESDAY'S RESULT**

» Blackhawks 3, Anaheim 2

Sabres to the San Jose Sharks hours before the deadline. "In years past I've been in the dressing room when there were four or five stalls cleaned out. It's nerve-racking.

"You don't want to see anyone go, especially since we've come this far with this group of guys. Hopefully that can stay intact for us."

"It's a scary day," winger Adam Burish said of the deadline. "Nobody wants to get traded, especially now with how great things are here. It's a blast to play here and a lot of people in the league would like to play here."

TRADE DEADLINE

2 P.M. WEDNESDAY

Last year: 45 players changed teams in 25 different trades.

Hawks last year: Acquired Andrew Ladd from Carolina for Tuomo Ruutu.

Hawks' needs this year: Veteran center adept at faceoffs; veteran defenseman.

Possible good fits for Hawks: Anaheim's Samuel Pahlsson and Chris Pronger; Toronto's Dominic Moore, Nik Antropov; Colorado's Ian Laperriere; Nashville's Radek Bonk; Buffalo's Tim Connolly; Ottawa's Chris Neil; Tampa Bay's Jeff Halpern and Mark Recchi.

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Catch 'em if you can

7 spots for fish and chips like you've never seen it before

By Amelia Levin

There's a good reason we traditionally drink ourselves silly on St. Patrick's Day. The celebratory alternative, stuffing ourselves with Irish fare, just doesn't hold as much appeal. (All-you-can-eat boiled cabbage? Uh, we'll take another Guinness, please.)

But the Irish do know pub grub. Fish and chips? Now there's a dish we'll drink to. Just our luck (and we're not even Irish!), local chefs have been riffing off the old Emerald Isle favorite a lot lately. Get primed for St. Pat's with one of their takes.

Markethouse

611 N. Fairbanks Ct. 312-224-2200
Executive chef Scott Walton uses the freshest wild-caught fish he can get his hands on for the ale-battered fish and chips (\$20) at this new restaurant in the Streeterville Doubletree, so one day you might get walleye, another cod and still another, pollock. He stays local with the beer batter, using Half Acre's Over Ale to create a "nice and mild malt flavor with a little bitterness." Everything else is upscale-traditional: homemade tartar sauce, thick-cut potato fries tossed with parsley and salt, and a small salad highlighting seasonal greens and herbs.

Duchamp

2118 N. Damen Ave. 773-235-6434
Skatewing is the fish of choice for Michael Taus, chef-partner at this Bucktown neighborhood spot. "I like cod but prefer the wide-winged fish because it's so thin and cooks quickly, so it's not a big, greasy chunk of fish," he explains. (And Taus knows fish: He was a fishmonger at age 18.) He serves the skate crusted in panko with fries tossed in garlic oil, Pecorino-Romano and chives. Though Taus' version of fish and chips is always available a la carte for \$18, it's an entree option on the restaurant's special \$25 three-course Lenten menu, available Fridays through March 27.

Chalkboard

4343 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-7144
Gilbert Langlois, chef-owner of this North Center bistro, looks to New Zealand for inspiration for his version of fish and chips (\$25). The dish is based on the cornstarch-, salt- and pepper-coated calamari he remembers from visiting the island country. At Chalkboard, he applies the mixture to Lake Michigan whitefish before frying in veggie oil for a light, crisp, low-grease result. The fish strips, served alongside bright red beets prepared the same way, get a sprinkling of grated pink and Sichuan peppercorns before they hit the table with a side of homemade tartar sauce.

C-House

166 E. Superior St. 312-523-0923
Don't go looking for tartar sauce with the fish and chips at this seafood-focused restaurant from celeb chef Marcus Samuelsson in the Affinia Chicago hotel. Executive chef Seth Siegel-Gardner prepares his jerk spice-rubbed and beer-battered cod (\$22) with coconut milk, shredded coconut, ginger, garlic, lime juice and capers for a burst of Jamaican-style flavors. Add some hand-cut fries and homemade ketchup (you'll never go back), and you'll be singing Bob Marley instead of Irish drinking songs by the time the night is out.

Wave

644 N. Lake Shore Drive. 312-255-4460
We weren't surprised to hear that spice-master chef Kristine Subido uses Moroccan spices for her take on fish and chips (\$10) at Wave, the globally inspired restaurant in the W Lakeshore Hotel. Subido pairs bite-sized pieces of grouper and thinly sliced potatoes lightly fried in rice oil with a zesty sauce of honey and harissa, a North African condiment that incorporates garlic, cumin, coriander and other spices. The dish also is served with traditional tartar sauce and a French-style cherry mignonette.

The Drawing Room

937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0022

Leave it to chef Nick Lacasse to turn pub grub into cocktail food. At this Gold Coast lounge, "fish and chips" (\$10) are really little golf ball-sized croquettes made from a mixture of flaked roasted cod and salt cod with herb-cream sauce. The spheres are battered with panko and potato flakes, fried, dusted with malt vinegar powder, and served with preserved lemon aioli and "tarragon chips," a layered concoction that Lacasse says looks like a "windowpane of potato chips with a tarragon leaf stuck inside."

Socca

3301 N. Clark St. 773-248-1155

Forget beer batter or even breadcrumbs. Chef Roger Herring reaches for cornmeal when dusting Lake Superior whitefish for the whitefish *frites* (\$21) at this Lakeview neighborhood bistro. Herring says the cornmeal adds a texture and taste reminiscent of a shore-side meal you might have in France or Italy. He tops the whitefish with a lemon-caper nage (a light, broth-based sauce) and serves it with thin hand-cut fries and herb aioli.



Markethouse's ale-battered fish and chips
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10th Annual Chicago Irish Film Festival

Beverly Arts Center of Chicago, 2407 W. 111th St. 773-445-3838.

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CHALKBOARD

Wed.: Half-price bottles of wine; 4343 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-477-7144.

DINE

Sat.: \$9 burgers with a domestic draft or bottle; 733 W. Madison St. 312-602-2100.

EXPOSURE RESTAURANT & SUPPER CLUB

Wed.: Two-for-one tapas, \$5 mango martinis; 1315 S. Wabash Ave. 312-662-1082.

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Wed.: Two-for-one pizzas; 3358 N. Paulina St. 773-248-5222.

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Wed.: \$3 12-ounce beers, \$4 burgers; Thu.: Half-price bottles of wine; Thu.: \$4 glasses of wine; Fri.: \$10 New York strip steak; 1200 W. Webster Ave. 773-525-6670.

JUST GRAPES

5:30 p.m. Wed.: First Wednesdays, a monthly tasting with experts on hand to answer questions. \$25-\$35. Registration recommended: justgrapes.net; 560 W. Washington Blvd. Suite 100. 312-627-9463.

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Wed.: Half-price margarita and sangria pitchers with purchase of two entrees; 3-6 p.m. Wed.-Fri.: \$3.95 bar menu; Thu.: Half-price bottles of wine with purchase of two entrees; Fri.: Half-price mojitos and mojito pitchers; 412 N. Clark St. 312-467-9797.

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\$1 Miller Lite bottles or drafts, \$3 Jameson or Jager shots, \$3 flatbreads; 3466 N. Clark St. 773-880-2222.

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8 p.m.: Twisted Trivia. Flip a coin for a half-price drink. Includes free pizza. No cover; 950 W. Wolfram St. 773-665-5660.

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7:30 p.m.: "Lost" viewing party at The Fifty/50. Fans of ABC's dramatic series can watch the show with like-minded locals on flat-screen TVs. Includes trivia games and prizes during commercial breaks. No cover; 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

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\$3.50 Guinness, Harp and Smithwick's pints; 2158 N. Halsted St. 773-281-1205.

HOPS & BARLEY

\$5 taquito platters, \$3 pints; \$3 Stoli cocktails, \$8 all-you-can-eat pasta dinners; 4359 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-286-7415.

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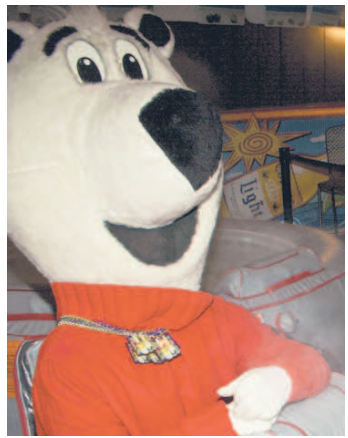
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Random Acts of Greatness

things we're loving this week

1 Our silky soft hands and polished claws, thanks to the **Queen for a Day mani** (\$26) at Mojo Spa (1468 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-235-6656). The decadent chocolate scrub and mask smelled good enough to eat, but we played it classy and showed restraint.

2 The **spinach-stuffed mushrooms** (\$6.95) at newish, mostly Persian Lincoln Park spot Aperitif 21 (2221 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-4400). A great, cheesy warmup to some top-notch lamb and chicken skewers.

3 "**Baby Wants Candy**," the fully improvised, hourlong musical with a full band and some of the most creative lyrics—and dance moves—we've witnessed in a long time. Next show: 10:30 p.m. Friday (\$15) at the Apollo Theatre, 2540 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-935-6100.

4 The cheap and tasty **bahn mi** (Vietnamese sandwiches) at new Wicker Park spot Bon Bon (2333 W. North Ave.). Choose from five varieties, each just \$3.95. Our fave so far is the char siu pork.



5 The **Hendrick's House Punch** (\$9) at Sully's House Tap Room & Grill (1501 N. Dayton St. 312-929-2779). It's hard to steer away from the extensive beer list here, but we loved this concoction of Hendrick's Gin, St. Germain elderflower liqueur, Chambord and lemon juice.

Join the randomness!
What are you loving this week? Log onto **metromix.com** to send us your own Random Acts of Greatness.

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\$1 cans, \$2 well drinks, \$3 bombs; 1206 N. State Pkwy. 312-475-9450.

MOXIE
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O'DONOVAN'S
Half-price select bottles of wine, \$5 Three Olives grape and cherry bombs and Korbel champagne cocktails, \$9.95 pasta dinner (4-10 p.m.), \$10 mini-Korbel buckets; 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

PADDY LONG'S
\$2.50 Bud Light pints, \$4 Captain Morgan and Cokes; 1028 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-290-6988.

PIECE
\$4 well drinks; 1927 W. North Ave. 773-772-4422.

PURPLE OTTER
50 cent wings, \$2.50 Miller Lite and MGD bottles; 2706 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-3331.

RED KIVA
7 p.m.: Chick Flicks. Watch "Bridget Jones's Diary" while snacking on free popcorn. Includes half-price bottles of wine and the chance to win a gift certificate to **Kaya Day Spa** (112 N. May St.). No cover; 1108 W. Randolph St. 312-226-5577.

SANGRIA RESTAURANT AND TAPAS BAR
Half-price sangria pitchers; 901 W. Weed St. 312-266-1200.

THE SMOKE DADDY RHYTHM AND BAR-B-QUE
\$2 Miller Lite and High Life bottles; 1804 W. Division St. 773-772-6656.

SOPO
\$2 glasses of sangria, \$3 MGD64 bottles; 3418 N. Southport Ave. 773-348-0100.

THEORY
\$7 martinis, \$7 double order of wings; 9 W. Hubbard St. 312-644-0004.

U.S. BEER COMPANY
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VAUGHAN'S PUB
\$2.50 Miller Lite bottles, \$5 Terry Palmers, \$3 Jameson shots; 2917 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-8188.

WABASH TAP
\$15 Miller buckets, \$5.50 reubens; 1233 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488.

WELLINGTON'S TAVERN
\$3 pints, \$4 bombs; \$1 burgers; 1300 W. Wellington Ave. 773-524-1111.

WITT'S
\$2.50 domestic bottles, \$5 bombs, \$15 Corona and Corona Light buckets, half-price appetizers (4-7 p.m.), trivia 8 p.m.; 2913 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-528-7032.

XIPPO
\$3 Miller Lite and Bud Light bottles, \$5 buffalo chicken eggrolls; 3759 N. Damen Ave. 773-529-9135.

Y
DJ Jernell Geronimo spins house and hip-hop 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$20; 224 W. Ontario St. 312-274-1880.

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Week 3

Allison Yates and Colette Syputa
Status: Roommates

They're baaaack! Two-week reigning champs Allison and Colette return after dominating last week's Mardi Gras challenge, proving the Big Easy easily can be channeled on a budget thanks to Southern-inspired comfort food and Chicago-style Latin tunes. Could the Deal Breakers title be within reach?

Entertainment: To start our night, we attended Tony-winning musical "Into the Woods" for free—well, almost free. **Quest Theatre Ensemble** (1609 W. Gregory St. 312-458-0895) asks for donations, so we threw in \$5—though the hours of entertainment are worth much more. We got lost in Quest's version of the fairy-tale story, the incredible music and elaborate staging. Next performances: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. **Total spent:** \$5 (donation)

Drinks: Feeling merry from the musical, we hit up **Goldie's** (3839 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-5322) to wet our whistles. This small but comfortable pub pours \$1 PBR pints and \$4 pitchers every day, so we bought a PBR pitcher and a couple of pints. We brought out our competitive side with a game of darts. **Total spent:** \$9, with tip

Food: To finish the evening, we headed to **Diner Grill** (1635 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-248-2030), the perfect greasy-spoon destination when you have a buzz. We ordered two \$4.50 cheeseburger plates with fries and made quick friends with the folks around us. **Total spent:** \$11, with tip

Best deal of the night: \$1 PBRs and free games at Goldie's. With a deal this good, you can spend hours at one place and have a blast. (Just make sure you get dibs on the Super Nintendo before everyone else.)

Time elapsed: 5 hours, 45 minutes
Grand total spent: \$25

Cheap shots

The Deal Breakers face off to see who can get the most bang for their buck

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Week 3: The big-deal challenge

After two weeks of deal-minded challenges—the first was based in the Deal Breakers' respective neighborhoods, the second centered around Mardi Gras—we gave our cheapskate competitors simple instructions for Week 3: Go big or go home.

These days, a deal isn't truly a deal unless it maximizes your dollar power, so we asked four Metromix readers to take their cash to the limit. Whoever gets more bang for their 25 bucks in one night wins. The Deal Breakers met our challenge with inexpensive theater, carnival games, greasy eats and turtle races, plus \$1 PBRs at the same cheapskate destination.

Week 3 winners:

Jackie and John. These thrifty spenders stretched their \$25 to score a full night out at a whopping five spots.

Jackie and John McCloskey
Status: Just married

When it comes to board games, newlyweds Jackie and John can get pretty competitive. "He doesn't let me win ever," Jackie says, "so if I win, I've earned it." They kept tally during their "night of gaming" (Jackie won Rummikub, John took darts), and though John won overall, Jackie says she still gets the title of "thriftiest team member."

Dinner: First up, we visited one of our favorite Wrigleyville haunts, **Vines on Clark** (3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572). We picked the Friday night special: a tasty half-price large cheese pizza for only \$4.50. **Total spent:** \$5.75, including tip.

Drinks: On to **Guthries Tavern** (1300 W. Addison St. 773-477-2900), where we downed two Heinekens and challenged each other to a game of Rummikub, all for \$7.25 including tip. Next stop: **Goldie's** (3839 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-404-5322) for free darts and \$1 PBR pints. **Total spent:** \$9.75

Entertainment: Sluggers Sports Bar (3540 N. Clark St. 773-248-0055) houses some of our fave carnival games. For \$1.50, two rounds of Skee-Ball and one air hockey face-off earned us a handful of prize tickets, which we traded for a plastic flute, a finger puppet and two bouncy balls. Rounding out the night were Friday Night Turtle Races at **Big Joe's** (1818 W. Foster Ave. 773-784-8755). A \$7 PBR pitcher, which includes a string of raffle tickets, bought us a chance to race a turtle. We missed out on competing but loved cheering on the "athletes." **Total spent:** \$9.25 with tip.

Best deal of the night: You can't go wrong with turtle races. Get there early to grab a table and toss some free darts before it gets crowded.

Time elapsed: 4 hours, 45 minutes
Grand total spent: \$24.75

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Geoff Rickly (far left) and Thursday

Friends, enemies in high places

The frontman of punk outfit Thursday on why he's tight with The Cure—but not the UN

By Kirk Miller

Thursday literally was the cover story for the emo movement a few years back (see Spin, Rolling Stone, Alternative Press, etc.). But it seems like the New Jersey-based band might be in the best place in their career right now.

The group's fifth full-length album, the new "Common Existence," is by far the band's finest effort, mixing the aggression and energy of their early work with the complexity and larger lyrical perspective of their more recent albums. It's a record that would feel right at home played next to Fugazi, the Deftones or even Radiohead.

On the eve of headlining the Rockstar Taste of Chaos tour, Thursday frontman Geoff Rickly (who turns 30 on Sunday) talked about working in a warehouse, sparring with the UN and hanging with The Cure's Robert Smith.

Your bio says you recorded "Common Existence" in a "damp warehouse." Why didn't you choose a dry one?

[Laughs] We wrote it in a damp warehouse, but we recorded it upstate in a log cabin. But yeah, we spent a lot of time in this huge warehouse in North Bergen, New Jersey. It was too big. We had to rebuild the walls to create a smaller practice room. We'd go in there six hours a day, six days a week. It was really a [dump].

There are some big guest stars on this record. How do you decide that Tim McIlrath from Rise Against or Walter Schreifels from Quicksand is right for a song?

It was pretty simple. When Rise Against was in town, we were like, "You have tomorrow off? Wanna come in?" As for Walter, I ran into him jogging in Brooklyn and asked if he wanted to sing on this one song where we were pretty much ripping off his old band. And he heard it and said, "Yeah, that's really Quicksand."

I heard that the album also has a connection to David Foster Wallace.

I had been in touch with him about writing some lyrics or doing something for Thursday or my side project, United Nations. We exchanged a few letters back and forth. I was totally bummed when I found out about his suicide. He was such a compassionate, amazing writer. Part of the record is dedicated to him.

Speaking of United Nations ... apparently, you've received some threatening words from the actual UN?

That's sadly true. The way it looks, we're fighting a lawsuit we could win ... if we had the money. It's a trademark and copyright infringement case, but there has to be confusion in the marketplace for it to work. There's no way somebody's going to say, "I found this record in a record store. I thought it was for the real UN!" I mean, our Web site is unitedf---ingnations.com! We never mention them in a song. I think they're suing because they're like, "Hey, punk kids don't have money." But we're talking to the ACLU. It's a First Amendment case at this point.

Thursday

When: 4:30 p.m. March 12

Where: Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave.

Tickets: \$25.75, 312-559-1212

On a different note: You produced the first My Chemical Romance record. Did you know what you were dealing with?

I felt they were going to be huge. Gerard knows what he's doing. But I didn't think they'd be world-dominating huge. I mean, they did Times Square on New Year's Eve! For me, it was a crazy mix of emotions, and it sucks because he's so busy that we don't get to talk much. Gerard and I were really good friends. But it's interesting: I see where they're at and sometimes, I'm like, "Thank god that's not me."

You should have taken a percentage of future sales or something. You'd be set!

Yeah, I could have been a total douchebag. Part of me is like, "I struggle to make rent, why couldn't Thursday get a fraction of that?" *[Laughs]*

When you opened for The Cure a few years ago and Robert Smith would watch you on the side of the stage, what was going through your mind?

The first show he did that, I freaked out. I couldn't stay in the moment. I mean, I lost my virginity to a Cure song! But I got used to it, and we became friends. We'd go drinking after shows. He's super cool.

One of your openers for this tour, Bring Me the Horizon, sort of has a reputation for getting into fights. Thoughts?

Hmm. I don't really know them. They look like skinny English lads. I'm not worried.

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Bravo's model show doesn't disappoint in second season

The first season of "Make Me a Supermodel" introduced the world to "Bronnie," the gay Chicagoan and eventual runner-up Ronnie Kroell and his bromantic straight pal, Ben DiChiara.

The bromance is over, but Tyson Beckford says you won't miss it thanks to the new cast of "Make Me a Supermodel."

"I believe they are even stronger," the men's mentor told reporters recently. "You're going to be blown away by the second season."

Call this show my guilty pleasure; I was blown away by the premiere, which starts out with the male and female models dropping trou' and striking poses in pairs. It brings up a surprising and humorous issue midway through the shoot.

You have to give props to a show that doesn't pretend to be more than it is: soft-core porn. I love it. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

"MAKE ME A SUPERMODEL"
9 p.m. Wednesday,
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Latest batch of ladies filled with some misfits

The best thing "America's Next Top Model" has going for it is producer/host/judge Tyra Banks.

To borrow her own phrase, she's fierce. And she knows

how to keep all eyes on her show. Her CW reality series begins its 12th season Wednesday with another batch of misunderstood modeling misfits: One contestant refuses to hide her scars, another is obsessed with blood and a third has epilepsy. Banks has the old stand-bys too: a model her late 20s and another who is called fat.

"This is a very special group of girls," Banks told The Associated Press. "I want them to connect with viewers, and not just with their looks, but with their personalities."

The two-hour opener starts in Las Vegas, but next week Banks packs everyone up for New York, where all the bitchy fun really begins. **c.w.**

"AMERICA'S NEXT TOP MODEL"
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MODEL MANIA

Tyson Beckford
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Runway race

Can viewers stand watching two modeling contests in one night? "America's Next Top Model" and "Make Me a Supermodel" premiere Wednesday night, pitting Tyra Banks against Tyson Beckford. They better work! **c.w.**

REAL SUPERMODELS

It's two against three, but Tyra and Paulina Porizkova trump Tyson, Nicole Trunfio and Jenny Shimizu.

CAST

What can I say—adding testosterone to the modeling mix keeps me glued to the TV.

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"MMAS" knows its strength (and what we like), and makes the models strip to their skivvies right away.

DRAMA

Men and women make "MMAS" sexually charged, but, oh, those "ANTM" gals can throw down.

CHICAGO CONNECTION

Chris Cohen's unlikely to repeat Ronnie Kroell's runner-up spot; but no Chicago gal represents on "ANTM" after Brittany "McKey" Sullivan won last season.

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Put a cork in your wedding budget

It's hard to tell with the doom and gloom of winter, but wedding planning season is well under way.

According to Clint Paton, director of Chicago-based event planning company Revel Décor, the national average cost of a wedding is \$25,000, and a couple should expect to devote 25 percent of any budget toward the cost of the bar tab.

At our wedding, my husband and I chose wines that we enjoy and that meant something to us. Each year on our anniversary, we toast each other with our wedding day selections as a sentimental reminder of our journey in life together. It's interesting to see how the wine evolves and mellows out with each year—just as we get more comfortable with our relationship as a married couple. This ritual would be no fun had the wine we served at our wedding tasted not so good.

The beverages served at any size wedding are an important detail that will leave a lasting impression on you and your guests, but you don't have to be an expert or start your lives together in debt in order to choose the right libations for the big day.

Here are my top five tips on how to get the most out of your alcohol budget. **REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR ALPANA SINGH IS DIRECTOR OF WINE AND SPIRITS FOR LETTUCE ENTERTAIN YOU ENTERPRISES AND THE HOST OF "CHECK, PLEASE!" ON WTTW.**

Serve a signature cocktail Pass an inexpensive cocktail such as sangria, spiked punch or lemonade to cut down on custom orders from the bar.

Sparkling alternatives Serve prosecco or cava, which are a fraction of the price of French champagne. Moscato d'asti, an inexpensive sweet sparkling dessert wine, also can be served to toast the cake-cutting ceremony.

Serve the unexpected Unknown regions and varietals are less expensive than traditional selections. Consider malbec and torrontes from Argentina, trebbiano and nero d'avola from Italy, albarino and garnacha from Spain.

Tasting party If BYOB is an option for you, have your friends contribute a bottle within a designated price point, put the selections in a brown bag and then have everyone taste the wines to determine which wines will be served at the wedding.

Call the experts Your favorite restaurant is a wonderful resource, and many are more than happy to help a faithful customer plan an important occasion. Contact them for leads on wine pairing suggestions, ways to save on bar and floral costs and ideas on how to create that wow factor for your wedding.

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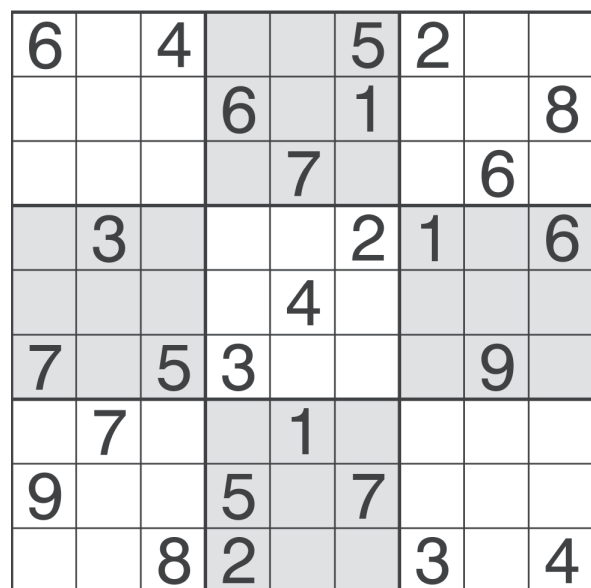
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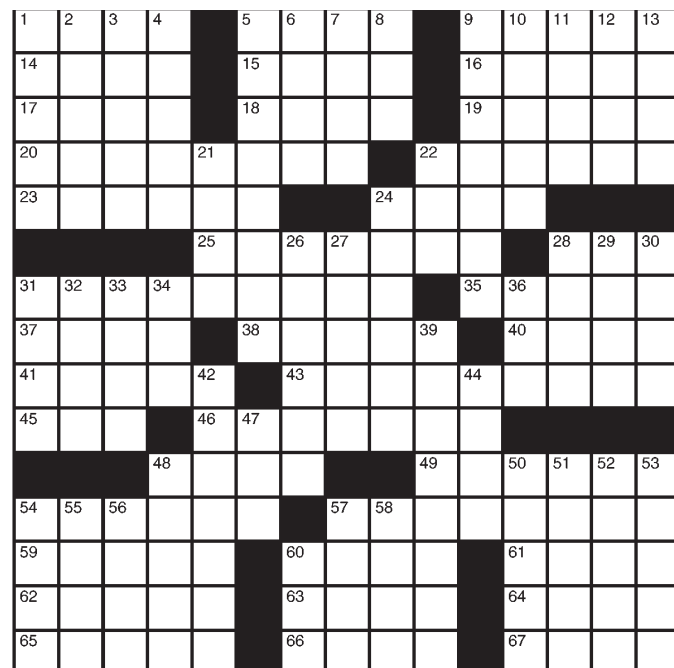
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ACROSS

- 1 First name in espionage
- 5 Memory method
- 9 Pot starters
- 14 Olfactory offense
- 15 Something shared
- 16 Leg bone
- 17 Presidential power
- 18 Exploits
- 19 Benefit from tutoring
- 20 Components
- 22 Blessed
- 23 Claim as a right
- 24 Foundation
- 25 Regardless of
- 28 Slugger's stat
- 31 Ambassadors' offices
- 35 Secret observers
- 37 Guys' dates
- 38 Dry runs
- 40 Swindle
- 41 In full hearing
- 43 Greedy
- 45 Morning moisture
- 46 Truly amazing
- 48 Iowa State city
- 49 Elicits
- 54 Sports venues
- 57 Wife of Odysseus
- 59 French Open winner of 1989
- 60 Warsaw native
- 61 "The Right Stuff" org.
- 62 Spooky
- 63 Supplicant's request
- 64 Molecular building block
- 65 Post-Christmas events
- 66 Setback
- 67 Outer edges

DOWN

- 1 Relocated
- 2 Fred's first partner
- 3 Clan emblem
- 4 Bakery bouquet
- 5 Most circular
- 6 Force out



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| 7 Very French? | 28 Puerto _ | 48 Sharpshooter Oakley |
| 8 Switchback turn | 29 Suitor | 50 Pertaining to an arm bone |
| 9 Map tomes | 30 Distinctive doctrines | 51 Raccoon cousin |
| 10 Female relative | 31 Old-time oath | 52 salts |
| 11 Ski lift | 32 Stag or hart | 53 Clothes lines? |
| 12 Cork's country | 33 Exhale forcefully | 54 High cards |
| 13 Dune material | 34 Tempe sch. | 55 Mother of Hera |
| 21 Ceases | 36 Trident-shaped letter | 56 Viscount superior |
| 22 Fri. follower | 39 Monotony | 57 Type of shirt |
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‘Salt’ & pepper

First look at the 2 new sides of Angelina Jolie

Blond or brunet?

In Angelina Jolie’s new spy flick “Salt,” the answer is a resounding “both.”

Photos of Jolie in costume for the movie, which is about a rogue CIA operative who is accused of being a Russian agent, were released Tuesday. They show the trim-looking “Changeling” star with two looks—brunet bangs and a blond version of the same cut. She begins work on the flick this week.

“She’s a character you never know,” producer Lorenzo di Bonaventura tells USA Today. “People who think they know the real her may or may not. Those who think they can tell whether she’s in a disguise also may or may not.”

The shape-shifting role originally was written for Tom Cruise, but he dropped out and the character’s name was changed from Edwin A. Salt to Evelyn A. Salt. We’ll have to wait until next year, when the movie is due out, to see how Jolie does in Cruise’s shoes.

For now, the question is this: Which look best suits Jolie? Take a look and vote via text!

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Who’s more fun?

So which look is better for Angelina Jolie—blond or brunet? Text “**style**” and the number of your answer to **47383**. You’ll get instant poll results showing how many people agree with you.

- 1. Blond
- 2. Brunet

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Sarah Silverman
COMEDY CENTRAL

Saving Silverman

"The Sarah Silverman Program" is back for a third season—and Silverman can thank the gays for that.

Silverman's Comedy Central show was saved from the brink of cancellation after sister network Logo—a gay-oriented cable network—helped foot the bill to land a 10-episode deal, Reuters reports. The show's producers and Comedy Central had been in a deadlock over plans to slash the show's budget, according to Reuters.

The third season is expected to premiere in early 2010.

Party girls

Megan Fox (right) is tops on another list—this time, it's AOL's "Who Would You Most Like To Party With?" poll, accesshollywood.com reports. According to the ranking, which asked which female celeb guys would most like to party with, Tina Fey came in second, followed by Paris Hilton, Penelope Cruz and Kim Kardashian. LiLo came in last.



Party people

Which celeb would you want to party with? Text **"party"** and the number of your answer to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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| 1. Megan Fox | 4. Michael Phelps |
| 2. Tina Fey | 5. Jay-Z |
| 3. George Clooney | |

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June 28

Date that The Fray will appear at First Midwest Bank Amphitheatre in Tinley Park, with Jack's Mannequin as the opening act. Tickets are available for presale Friday.



Imitation a form of flattery?

On Monday's "Late Night," Justin Timberlake impersonated John Mayer by singing a bit of "Daughters." How does Mayer's voice sound? "John Mayer is like if Macy Gray and Smokey Robinson—actually, Macy Gray and Smokey the Bear—had a love child," JT said.



Winfrey

PAWS Chicago in Lincoln Park confirms to RedEye. No word yet on the name. May we suggest Lil' O?

O's best friend

Oprah Winfrey is the proud owner of a new puppy.

Winfrey adopted an 8-week-old blond cocker spaniel on Sunday, a rep for



Mesnick

'Bachelor' speaks

"I did what I felt was right, and I stand by that right now." That's what "The Bachelor's" Jason Mesnick, who on Monday's show dumped his

first pick, Melissa Rycroft, for second-place finalist Molly Malaney, said on Part 2 of ABC's "After the Final Rose" special.

Malaney said she and her beau have had "plenty of serious conversations" since the taping and the two are together and "happier than ever now."

Also revealed was the new "Bachelorette": It's Jillian Harris!

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